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FIRST LESSONS IN READING ON A NEW METHOD. By Richard Soule, associate editor of Worcester's Quarto Dictionary and William A. Wheeler, associate editor of

The work which in size resembles the Progressive First Reader, claims to introduce a new method in teaching the reading of English by which the ear is trained to discriminate the elementary sounds of words.

A GREAT PETROLEUM FIRE. The burning of the oil store on the North river at the foot of Twenty-first street, New York, on

ture was a brick one, two hundred feet square, rising but one story above the ground and covered with slate. It was constructed with a view to the risks to which it would be subjected. The Fire Commissioners had required the company to build up the doors with brick to the height of two feet above the

burning oil spreading into the street in the event of a fire. Water pipes were introduced into the building in a manner that it was thought would enable a deluge to be poured

on the whole it was considered a fire proof warehouse. It contained, previous to the fire, seven thousand barrels of oil, and outside were several cars loaded with petroleum. The property belonging to several persons.

loss from which was about \$80,000.

"Mr. Hinman, the foreman of the establishment, has been in the habit of sleeping at the office, which was located in the northwest corner of the building. While in the act of preparing his sleeping arrangements for the night an explosion occurred among

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cracks, and each barrier, like a solid shield, contributed to the demolition of the structure, which was for the most part thrown down to its very foundations. A dense volume of black smoke rolled away from the burning crater, carrying its strong odors far into the city. Recent rains had converted

like a pond. A torrent of the blazing liquid poured from the ruined walls like a stream of lava, and spread itself over the surface of the water. At one time a sheet of flame extended entirely across the street, but the strong wind blowing off from the river drove it back again, leaving property

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